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Abstracts from Augusta County, Virginia:
Vol. 1, p. 41. Aug. 28, 1750- tithables, Thomas Dodson,
p. 373. May 1779. Isaac Zane vs. Wm Frame .
Vol. 2.p. 66. 1786 mentions Ebenezer Zane as owning land.
p. 193. Ebenezer Zane deposes, in Wheeling, 6th December 1808,
He settled at his present place of residence at Wheeling in
1770 or 1771.
Vol. 3.
p. 304. Court records p. 358. 14th February 1752.
On Mill Creek *joining Charles Dotson. (only mention of the
name)
p. 526. Court, p.40 10-9-1772 Isaac Zane justice of the peace.

Augusta County, Virginia by Peyton. compiled by Prichard at
Staunton, Va. Mim.
Andrew Zane fought the Indians and Simon Girty, p. 193.
p. 195 see other sheet)
p. 349.

Ebenezer Zane was b. October 1747, in Augusta County, Va. now Berkeley Co., Va. The family is of Danish origin, but at an early day moved to Englandthence in the 17th century to America. One branch settled in N.J. the other in Va. The subject of this notice sprung from the latter branch. In 1770 he wandered west with his brothers Silas and Jonathan and made his home on the present site of Wheeling. In 1772 his family and a few friends removed from Berkley to his new abode on the Ohio. There was not at the time a permanent settlement of Anglo Saxons had not been formed from the source of the mouth of the Ohio. The little band at Wheeling stood alone in the immence solitude. Zane and his associates soon opened a clearing and gree a crop of corn. In 1773 many families joined the settlement. Mr. Zane married a sister of the daring borderer, McCulloch, by whom he had eleven children. Zane's intercourse with the Indians was marked with mildness and honorable dealing , hence his village escaped the fury of the savages until 1777. All three brothers were m men of enterprise, prudence and sound judgement, and the Wheeling settlement was mainly due them for its security and preservation during the Revolution.
p. 350.

Ebenezer Zane was conspicuous during the seige of Fort He Henry, and brought himself so prominently before the public that he received various marks of distinction from the Colonial and Federal governments. He was a disbursing officer under Dunmore, and enjoyed under the Commonwealth numerous civil and military distinctions. He always preferred, however, the peace and quiet of his own home. **** ---- Col. Zane was of dark complexion piercing black eyes heavy eyebrows and prominent nose -not very tall, but uncommonly active and athletic. He was a match for almost any man in the settlement. Few men could outshoot him and fewer out-run him. He was a true man of courage, as is exemplified by his almost single-handed defence of his own dwelling in the fall of 1782. **** Congress, May 1796 employed h him to open a road from Wheeling to Limestone(Maysville). Thism duty he performed the following year assisted by his brother Jonathan, and son-in-law John McIntyre.

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At the time of the Indian visitation in 1777, it will be remembered, they burned all the houses, killed the cattle, etc. Similar outrages were again attempted in 1781, and then Col. Ebenezer Zane resolved that should the savages again visit the settlement he would remain in his house and perish, sooner than abandon it to the torch of the enemy. On the reappearance of the Indians, Col. Zane continued at his house, and declared his fixed determination to defend it to the last. In the house with him were several members of his family, including his brother, Silas. There were also two brothers by the name of Green, and a black servant by the name of Sam. So constantly did these four keep up the fire against the enemy that they were slow to approach within range of the guns.

The fortunes of the night were often variable; the enemy at one time appeared to have the vantage, but again their schemes were frustrated by the energy and skill of those within the fort. More than twenty times did they attempt to fire the stockade, by heaping bundles of hemp against the walls, and kindling them at different points. Most fortunately, however, the hemp was wet, and could not be made to burn. Dry wood and other combustibles were tried, but all in vain. Day at length dawned upon the hopes of that almost despairing people, and never did Aurora display her beauties to a more admiring or a more rejoicing roup. The night had been long, and full of gloomy terror. They knew not at what moment the formidable enemy would crush the walls of their frail enclosure; but, come what might, they resolved to stand firm to the last.

Immediately after daybreak the Indians and British withdrew to the spring, and a cessation of hostilities for several hours ensued.

It was about noon of this day that an incident occurred which has been the theme of history, poetry and romance. We allude to the "gunpowder exploit," as it is familiarly known in border story.

As we have already stated, Colonel Zane remained in his cabin, near the fort, during the whole seige. Finding that his supply of powder was likely to run out, he proposed to those present that some one of them would have to visit the fort and renew the stock. It was known to be a hazardous undertaking, and, unwilling to order either of the white men to so perilous an enterprise, Col. Zane submitted the matter to their own devotion and courage. One of them instantly proffered his services, but a female member of Col. Zane's family came forward and said: "No, I will go; should I be killed, I can be better spared than one of these men." That woman, according to the traditionary accounts of the country, was Elizabeth Zane, sister to Col. Zane. She is represented to have been a young woman of great resolution and much energy of character, and those who knew her intimately say, unhesitatingly, that she was just the person for such an exploit. Preparing herself for the feat, the intrepid girl

stepped from the cabin and bounded to the fort with the speed of a deer. A number of Indians, concealed in the neighborhood, saw her emerge from the cabin, but did not attempt to shoot, only exclaiming, with contemptuous epithets, "Squaw! Squaw!" She reached the fort, and tying about her person eight or ten pounds of powder, again ventured forth and moved rapidly towards the cabin of Col. Zane. Suspecting all was not right, the savages opened upon her a volley of rifle balls, but unscathed the courageous girl bounded into the arms of those who stood ready to receive her. That act of the heroic and single-hearted female saved the inmates of Col. Zane's house from certain destruction. Their ammunition had been exhausted, and every soul would have fallen a sure prey to the fury of the savages had not a supply been obtained.

Night closing in, the enemy renewed the attack, and maintained it without intermission until daybreak. Shortly after sunrise the enemy, despairing of success, commenced killing the cattle, burning the vacant cabins, &c. About 10 o'Clock, A.M., and Indian spy returned, and when within sight of the fort, gave a long, deep, peculiar whoop, which the well-trained Indian hunters fully understood as a signal to be off. Scarcely had the echoes of his shout ceased reverberating along the valley than the entire hostile army moved rapidly toward the river, which they crossed near where the Northwestern Bank now stands. In less than half an hour after their retreat, Captain Williamson, with seventy mounted men, rode up to the fort, and great was the rejoicing at the appearance of his gallant band.

Thus ended the final investment of Fort Henry. The Indians never again attempted to molest it, but gave the place as wide a latitude as convenient in their expeditions against the back settlements.

D.A.R. Lineage books:
Nat. No. 27315 .
Vol. 28, p. 118. Ebenezer Zane m. Elizabeth McColloch . Their dau Elizabeth Zane m. Elijah Woods.
Elizabeth(the dau) was the heroine of the garrison at Fort Henry(Wheeling, W. Va) in 1782 when the British & Indians attacked the fort. Ebenezer defended his home . He received from the Government a grant of land upon which Zanesville is located. He was b. in Berkley county, Va.; d. in Wheeling.

Vol. 37, No. 36680, p. 239.
Isaac Zane (1753-1816) cap. by the Indians at age ~~16~~,9, m. dau of Wyandotte chief. He was b. Berkley Co., Va. d. in Zanesville, Ohio.

Vol. 43, p. 99, No. 42259.
John Wetzel m. Mary Bonnet. He commanded Co. of Rangers on the frontier of W. Va 1778. He d. near Wheeling. Also No. 37364.

Vol. 99, p. 234. No. 98742.
William Zane m. 1774 to Elizabeth Hillman.
William Zane(1752-1824) was a member of a Committee Observation of Gl~~o~~ster Co., N.J. where he was b. & died.
His son Samuel m. Mary Marple.

Vol. 157., p. 74. Nat. No. 156227.
Ebenezer Zane (1747-1811) was a delegate to the Virginia Assembly and served as Col. in the Virginia troops. He was b. in Berkley County; died in Wheeling, Va-now Wheeling, W. Va.
He m. Elizabeth McCullochh
Elizabeth McColloch Zane , a patriot of Va., nursed the wounded soldiers at Ft. Henry. She d. in Wheeling, Va.

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MENEAR FAMILY

WILLIAM - m. Mary -------c-2: I. David - m. Christina Fortney. 2. John - m Catharine Fortney. 3. Leah - m. Daniel Fortney. 4. Elizabeth - m. David Watson. 5. Mary - b. 1785, d. 1854, - m. Amos Gandy.

C-3 of David: 1. Peter - m. Elizabeth Turner. 2. John W. - b. 1803, d. 1858, - m. Mahala McElroy. 3. William - m. Ruth Orr. 4. Mary A. b. 1806, d. 1873 - m. James P. Cobun. 5. J. Lemuel - b. 1809, d. 1864- m. Hannah Kirk. 6. Catharine - b. 1812, d. 1907 - Isaac W. Cobun. 7. Rachel - b. 1814, d. 1895 - m. John Zinn. 8. Deborah - m. Calder Hartley.

C-2 of John: 1. Samuel H. - m. Rachel Wadsworth. 2. Susan - b. Aug. 23, 1803, d. Mar. 19, 1903 - m. John Orr. 3. Henry - m. Melinda Hawley. 4. Keziah - b. 1809, d. 1846 - m. Hiram Orr. 5. Elisha - m. Nancy Wadsworth. 6. Millie - m. William Moore - O. 7. Jacob - m. Elizabeth Rogers. 8 Nancy - m. Jonathan Fortney 9. Elizabeth - m. (1) George Morgan, (2) Robert Moore of Ireland. 10. Philip - b. 1814, d. 1896, - m. Sarah McKinney. 11. Hiram - m. (1) Phoebe Moon, (2) Elizabeth Snider. 12. Solomon P. - M. Mary Minear.

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Martin Whetzel -

3 white souls
1 dwelling
1 other building

Henry Whetzel -

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WHETSELL FAMILY

JOHN - m Mary Troxall - c - 2 : 1. George - s. 2. Elizabeth - b. 1792 - m. Tevolt Shaffer. 3. Conrad - b. 1794 - m Lydia Calvert - Md. 4. Peter - b. 1796, d. 1875 - m. Nancy Boyer of Md., b. 1805, d. 1871. 5. Sarah - b. 1798, d. 1890 - m. William Taylor. 6. John - b. 1800 - Ind. 7. Mary - b. 1802 - m. Jonathan Bucklew. 8. Catharine E. - s. 9. Absalom - b. 1806 - Pa. 10. Michael - b. 1809, d. 1872 - m. Elizabeth Felton. 11. Margaret - m. William Welch - Ind.

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by
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Page 343 - THE DOTSON FAMILY

Prominent among the sons and daughters of Greenbrier county in both church and State comes the Dotson family.

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The ancestor of the family who first came to this county was Thomas Dotson, a Virginian, from Rockingham county. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and from records given of his family we surmise that he and Elizabeth, his wife, took up their residence on the farm now owned by Frank Bell. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and probably one of the charter members of that organization at Richland.

Children born of this union were: Alexander, George, Peter, Jacob, Thomas, Susan, Eliza and Catherine. Jacob by appointment became Governor of Utah Territory during the gold craze. Thomas married Mary E. Lewis and Catherine married George Anderson.

Alexander Dotson, ancestor of the Greenbrier family by that name, was born October 16, 1816, and died April 27, 1862. He married Sophia Bunger, and afterwards owned and operated the Bunger mills for many years. (See sketch of Dr. Raymond.) He was also an elder in the Presbyterian church, and like his father before him, was very active in Christian work. He married into the Bunger family on September 25, 1845. His wife was a sister of Joseph Bunger. She was born December 14, 1824, and died July 27, 1874. Their children were John M., H. T. and William R.

William R. Dotson married Miss Sarah E. Coffman, October 16, 1878. She was a daughter of Joseph Coffman, from the Valley of Virginia, where the Coffmans had lived time out of mind. John married Mary Hamilton, of Nicholas county, January 4, 1881. They lived in Colorado. They had three children. H. T. Dodson married May Allen, of Kansas, and lived and died there, leaving his wife and three daughters. William R. Dotson was also a noted churchman. He was an elder in the Richland church and gave active and constant support to the cause of Christianity and was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years, never being absent from duty. He officiated in that capacity on the Sunday before he died.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dotson were: John C., born November 3, 1879; F. T., born February 24, 1881. He is a graduate of civil and mining engineering and has had very great success in the pursuit of his profession. In June, 1910, he married Miss Alma Crabtree, of Norton, Va. To this union were born three children: Mary Elizabeth, William Robinson and Dorothy Sue.

Mary Wilson, the only daughter of W. R. Dotson, married F. W. Tuckwiller. (See history of David Tuckwiller). Their marriage took place October 16, 1908. They are living in Charleston, W. Va., where he is connected with the Tri-State Electrical Company. They have one child, William Dotson Tuckwiller.

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John C. Dotson is one of the successful merchants of this county. He completed his education career at the G. P. S. Institute as it is now called, and then at the University of West Virginia. Before graduation, however, he was called home on account of the illness of his father to take charge of the farm. This was in 1901. With inclinations along agricultural lines, he next joined the county grange and that naturally led to his mercantile career, a phenomenally successful one from the beginning. It was in 1917 that he first began trading in farmers' supplies and all kinds of seeds which the International Harvester Company of America says now exceeds that of any one man in his block of ten counties. As a merchant his success has been phenomenal. In order to meet the requirements of a constantly increasing demand in his line of goods. Mr. Dotson in 1918 erected a large store, 30x100 feet, and virtually three stories in height, and he is now (page 345) doing a large and prosperous business. In 1908 Mr. Dotson married Miss Laura L. Kester, of Clarksburg. She is a daughter of J. B. Kester. He was a gunsmith in the Confederate service during the Civil War, and he is still in pursuit of that trade now, eighty-seven years of age. His wife, a member of the old line of Carders of English descent, is still living, hale and hearty, and is now seventy-eight years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Dotson are the parents of two children: Martha Elizabeth, now seven years old, and Mary Wilson, four.

Mr. Dotson, like his father, grandfather and great grandfather, is an elder and active worker of the Presb terian church. He has just returned from the church Presbytery at Hillsborough, where he had been sent as a delegate to represent his own church at Richland.

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THE DOTSONS - Some time, perhaps, in the early twenties, the Dotsons found homes in the Tollgate vicinity, and a long line of their descendants still lay claim to this soil.

The original spelling of this namein the Old World was "Dodson", but for some unknown reason (probably from the natural inclination for mis-pronouncing names) it became changed to its present form.

Two brothers, James and William Dotson, came from England in colonial days and settled near Richmond, Virginia; and from James (or some say his name was Richard) the different families of this part of the county trace their lineage.

William Dotson, son of James (or Richard) married Miss Mary Franks, and settled at Greenwood, in Doddridge county, in his younger days, where he reared quite a family of sons and daughters, who were as follows:

Emmanuel, William, Junior, John, Squire, Henry, Saul, Nancy (Mrs. Griggs), Jane (Mrs. Elefrits), Cynthia (Mrs. Scott), Charlotte (wife of John Wilson), Elizabeth (Mrs. Ruley), Mary Ann (Mrs. Dougherty), and Margaret (Mrs. Eli B. Tucker, senior).

EMMANUEL DOTSON was born at Greenwood, on March 1, 1798; and in his early manhood, was married to Miss Hannah Sears, and on Cabin run where Thomas Dotson now lives, they established their home near they year 1820. Here they remained until they crossed to the other side, and at Tollgate they rest. Mr. Dotson died on February 12, 1881, at the age of eighty-two years.

He and his wife Hannah, were the parents of three sons and one daughter; viz., Hiram S., John W., Granville, and Lovisa Dotson

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John W., and his wife, Mrs. Amy Pool Dotson, went to Minnesota many years ago, but they now live in California.

Granville married Sarah Cross, and they also went West, where they sleep, and where their descendants live.

Lovisa, the only daughter, married James Taylor and lived and died in this county. (See Taylor Family).

Hiram S. Dotson, the one son that remained here, was born on Cabin run, in 1822, and spent his entire life within the bounds of his native county, where his ashes lie.

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He was first married to Miss Susan Markwell, who died while he was serving as a Union soldier in 1863, leaving eleven children; and his second wife was Miss Melvina Poole, who was the mother of his other five children.

On October 26, 1863, he was honorably discharged from the army service because his orphan children demanded his presence at home.

The children of the first union were: Mansfield S., Spence B., Perry E., Amos A., Wm. F., Alpheus R., Charles G., Mrs. Alice J. Ash, Mrs. Sarah G. Kyger, and Mrs. Susan Smith - one name is missing. Those of the second marriage were: J. W., David V., Thomas J., Mrs. Annabella Nutter, and Mary, who became the wife of Henry Miller.

WILLIAM DOTSON (brother of Emmanuel) was married to Miss Anne Ankrum, and settled across the Doddridge county line, where he lived and died. His children were: Daniel, Jerusha (Mrs. Joseph Doughterty), William, Owen, Rose (Mrs. Samuel Copendoffer), Caroline (Mrs. Hickman), Rilla (Mrs. Francis Waldo), and Israel Dotson.

JOHN DOTSON(brother of Emmanuel) married Miss Susan Sears, sister of Hannah Sears Dotson, for his first wife; and his second, was Miss Mahala Myers. He, too, settled across the Doddridge county line, but removed to the Harrisville vicinity in the ante-bellum days, and there he rests. His (page 144) children: Oliver, Lloyd, Mrs. Minerva Stinespring, Mrs. Cindona (Daniel) Malone, Clinton, Leeman, Noble and Rufus Dotson.

THOMAS J. DOTSON, another brother of Emmanuel, was one of the early settlers on Buck run (a small tributary of the head of the North Fork, which took its name from the large number of male deer found here by the pioneer hunters). He and his wife Ruth Griggs Dotson, were the parents of five children; viz., Elza, the late Ellis, the late Marshall. Armstrong, and Clara who married George Elefritz.

"AUNT POLLY" DOTSON, a widow whose identity we have been unable to learn, was another early settler on Buck run, but the names of her children have been given us as follows: Benjamin, Robert, Thomas, JohnsS., Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Griggs.

And from these two pioneers the numerous families of the name of Buck run to-day are descended. Like the other Dotsons they are said to be a peaceable, law-abiding race of people. Many of them are religiously inclined, and not a few of them have entered the ministry of the Christian church, and some of the younger generations are identified in the teaching profession.

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ZACHARIAH DOTSON, brother of William, senior, was a very early settler in the Tollgate vicinity. He possibly came as early as 1810, and remained until death, but of his family we have no record.

RICHARD DOTSON, the head of another branch of the family, was also a brother of William, senior, and Zachariah Dotson. He removed from the Old Dominion to the Monongalia glades, and from there to Doddridge county, where he met the destroyer. Though he is said to have owned land in the Tollgate vicinity as early as 1800, we have no account of his ever having made any improvement here. His home, however was in Doddridge county, and in a burying-ground on Arnold's creek his ashes lie.

He twice took the mar iage vow but the names of his wives are missing; but the children of the first union were as follows: Thomas, Mann, and John Dotson; and those of the second, Jackson, Elisha, Joseph, Michael, Ruth (Mrs. James Cain), Lizzie (Mrs. Johnson Childers), and Stacy (Mrs. John Haggle).

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ELISHA DOTSON was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his wife was Miss Nancy Wineger. Their family consisted of the following named children: Irvin Dotson, of Rusk, is the only survivor of the family and he is now seventy-four years of age. Richard, who married Miss Elizabeth Deem, was the head of the family (Elizabeth family) (Wirt county), who have, since his death, removed to Parkersburg. Albert rests in Wood county; Hiram, on Goose creek; Jackson, in Oregon; Mary (Mrs. John Hustage, and Mahala (Mrs. John Flemming), both in Wood county; and Clarinda (Mrs. George Elefritz), on Goose creek.

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List of Rev. War Soldiers posted at Augusta Town, April 6th, 1776 by C. Horn as directed by Col. John Canon, and David Morgan, Esq.

John Whetsel and others.

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Fort Bonnett was built by Jarome Bonnett and Samuel Houston in 1768. It was on Dunkard Creek in Wayne Township.

Fort Wetsel was built at the mouth of Wetsel Run on Wheeling Creek in 1767 by John Wetsel and Abraham Bonnett.

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Fort Zane at Wheeling, West Virginia was built by Ebenezer Zane in 1764. It was renamed Fincastle in 1767 and Fort Henry in 1774.

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JOHN WETSEL, of German descent, was born in Pennsylvania in 1724. He settled in Virginia in 1752, and was on the Monongahela River at Fort Louis II, in 1755. In 1756 he had a camp on the site where Colonel Burd erected Fort Burd in 1759. He settled at Fort Statler in 1762, and lived there until 1766, when he settled on Wheeling Creek. He married Jane Bonnett. They had four sons and two daughters: Martin, George, John, Lewis, Susan, and Christina. The father and sons were all great hunters, Indian Scouts and fighters, but the son, Lewis Wetsel, was an outstanding Indian fighter in the Monongahela and Ohio valleys in the pre-Revolutionary War days. John Wetsel, Jr., lived at West Alexander, Pennsylvania, in 1777 and 1778. He died in 1819. John Wetsel died in 1806. The famous Lewis Wetsel, born in 1764, died in 1808, at the age of forty-four years.

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JOHN WETSEL, a Virginian by birth, lived nearly twenty miles due south of the southwest corner of Maryland from 1752 to 1764, then settled on big Wheeling Creek, about fourteen miles from the river, where he lived from 1764 to 1774. In the latter year, he relocated on a tract of land that bounds and includes a part of the site of West Alexander, Washington County. He was a German and was not given to being mixed up in the border struggles being waged between the settlers from Virginia and Pennsylvania. He lived more nearly unto himself than many of the frontiersmen. He hated the Indians

and kept a sharp watch on all their movements. Whether the father's dislike for the Indians led the son to make war on them has never been fully stated; however, John Wetsel's son Lewis proved to be a great Indian fighter, and killed more Indians than any other man on the western borders from 1770 to about 1785.

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LEWIS WETSEL, who was born October 11, 1763, had four brothers (John, Jacob, Martin, and George) and three sisters. The sons of John Wetsel, Sr., became famous in border warfare during and after the Revolutionary War. Martin and Lewis were the heroes of many narrow escapes from the Indians. John was also famous as an Indian fighter, and Jacob Wetsel was well known in connection with Simon Kenton and John Smallman. Of all the family, however, Lewis achieved the widest reputation as an Indian fighter of any man on the western border of Yohogania County.

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Wetzel's Inn--on Wheeling Creek, was opened by John Wetzel and Abraham Bonnett in 1769.

Zane's House--Wheeling, West Virginia, was opened by Zac Zane in 1770 and 1772. It was burned by Indians in 1773. Samuel McCullough named it "McCullough's Tavern."

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Page 511 - Biographical sketches -

WILLIAM ZANE, JR., was born in Baltimore County, Maryland. He married in New Jersey in 1739, and had four sons and three daughters: Andrew, Silas, Ebenezer, Isaac, Ruth, Carolina, and Rebecca, who became the wife of John Holmes. The sons of William Zane, Jr., settled at Supratz Island, and were the first settlers of Wheeling, West Virginia. They were all connected with the border Indian troubles on the Ohio River during the Revolutionary War Period. William Zane, Jr., died in Ohio County, West Virginia, in 1791.

WILLIAM ZANE, a son of Robert Zane, who emigrated from the Isle of Man to New Jersey in 1664, was born in Camden, New Jersey, in 1694. In 1712, he broke away from the family Quaker life at home and went to Philadelphia where he remained for two years. He married in 1714 and had one daughter Ruth (born in 1715) who married William McCullough in 1736. His (page 512) wife died at Baltimore in 1716. He married a second time in 1717 and had four sons (William, Isaac, Ebenezer, and Noah) and two daughters. He became a fur trader in 1722 and explored the headwaters of the James River. In 1729, he, with Dr. Samuel Eckerlin, went to the headwaters of the Kanawha and followed the river almost to the point where the Kanawha and Fayette County line crosses the river, but established no fur camp. He returned to his family in the fall of 1729. In 1731, he and his son Isaac explored northern Virginia. While on this trip his son Isaac was captured by the Cherokee Indians. In 1734, William Zane, Sr., with his family, including his daughter Ruth, settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, where he lived until his death in 1752. His widow died in 1769.

Page 624 - * * * *"Z anes Fort" and ferry, on the Ohio River. * * * *

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* * * * John Canon. In 1777, after the district of West Augusta had been divided into three counties of Yohogania, Monongalia, and Ohio, David Shepard was appointed first judge of the Ohio County Court. In 1776, he traded with Silas Zane for the Zane land and blockhouse at the forks of Wheeling Creek in what is now Ohio County, West Virginia.

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SILAS ZANE, a native of Maryland, came to Fort Fincastle in 1769. He was among the first settlers to bring their families to the Ohio River, in the neighborhood of Wheeling. He established the first ferry landing. He had tomahawked a claim at Elm Grove, which he traded to Colonel David Shepard and on which Shepard located. He became a captain in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment and was in service in eastern Pennsylvania at the time of the first siege in 1777. In 1779, he returned to his home on the Ohio, and was at Fort Henry during the siege of 1782. He had a wife, three sons, and two daughters when he settled on the Ohio. Descendants of Silas and Rachel Zane are living in the central western states.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY PIONEERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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The Zane Family

It seems appropriate to mention this family, as brief notices are given the families living along Cedar Creek and the North Mountain during the 18th Century. But we cannot claim the family for these sections exclusively; for we find Isaac Zane in Winchester at one time, dispensing lavish hospitality. He owned several desirable properties, and, as shown elsewhere, was a substantial friend of the old Winchester Academy in its early history. At one time he lived in Stephensburg. He had temporary residence at his Marlboro Iron Works, and spent some time with his friend Maj. Mordecai Bean, while engaged in testing the ores of the North Mountain in a smelter which they started on Bean's large tract. There is some confusion about this name. Some writers fix Isaac Zane's first appearance as one of the first pioneers, and also as Genl. Isaac Zane of the Revolutionary War period; and Col. Isaac Zane one of the Burgesses, 1773; and member of the Virginia Convention, 1775; and member of the first House of Delegates, 1784. The father and son were confounded. Isaac Zane Senior came first. It was in 1767 that he purchased 350 acres of land along the North Mountain from Henry Secrist, adjoining Michael White and Jacob Cackley. He was then a resident of Philadelphia; and it is doubtful if he ever lived in Virginia . Isaac Zane, Jr., obtained from Lewis Stephens in 1771, a large tract of land on Cedar Creek. The language of the deed points to two facts worth notice: "To Isaac Zane Junr. Iron Master, for land on Cedar Creek, includes the land where the Dutch Chapel stands and adjoins John Stickley, Craybill and Henry Piper." This was the tract where he conducted his iron works, and other business. In 1776 he acquired more land near Stephensburg, where he had resided. Part of this tract he sold to Joseph Holmes a merchant in the same village. Subsequent to this period, we find him living near his Marlboro Iron Works, and taking an active part in politics, as shown elsewhere. While a member of the house of Burgesses, he was commissioned Colonel in the Virginia Line. In the new organization, after the Revolutionary War, he was commissioned Brigadier-General of Militia, and was not a Brigadier during the war. He died in his Frederick home in 1795, possessed of great wealth for that period, owning large landed estate (9,000 acres), some of which consisted of many lots lying on South Washington and Stewart Streets, Winchester. He also owned the land where the old Winchester Academy stood. His will, recorded in the old District Court, mentions two sisters, Hannah Pemberton and Sarah Zane, to whom he left the bulk of his estate in Frederick County, with annuity to Isaac Zane McFarlane. He further provided for the gradual emancipation of his twenty-one slaves. The inventory of his personal estate shows he was a merchant, distiller, miller and founder. He was doubtless an educated man. His library contained many rare volumes. These and his valuable

furniture naturally found places in many homes after the sale of his effects, which required several days. We cannot follow his name further. The family were prominent in reclaiming the country from the Indians, as already shown in this volume. He was granted several thousand acres of land along the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers, which was inherited by his family. One branch of this family were pioneers of the South Branch Valley. During the Indian Wars, Wm. Zane and his family were carried away as prisoners by the Indians in 1753. One of his sons has been previously mentioned in connection with Ohio settlements.

Genl. Zane lived in his stone mansion--as he termed it in his letters. This was near his iron works and mill, and a short distance North of the site of the present mill of D. S. Brill. Near by was his large warehouse or store, the walls of which were of heavy stone. The ruins of these buildings were to be seen until about 1890. The ruins of the old iron works can be seen at this writing.

Page 1342 - WHETSELL

Originally this was a German family that located in Maryland at a very early day in the history of our country. By many it is claimed that they are connected with the famous Wetzell family who were celebrated Indian fighters in colonial days. The name was then spelled Wetzell, and John, an ancestor to the West Virginia branch of the family, was the father of Lewis and Martin Wetzell, and was one of the pioneers who in 1771 accompanied Ebenezer Zane from Moorefield to the present site of the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, as is made clear in "McKnight's History of the Western Borders". The Wetzell family, Lewis, Martin and George, with Jacob Wetzell, frequently stopped at Wolf's passing through the country. Upon one occasion, while going through to Wheeling, Martin Wetzell was pursued by Indians, on the east side of Cheat river, on the Dunkard Bottoms, and became tangled and held fast by his pouch catching on a shrub or tree-top. While thus hindered, and trying to escape from the Indian, the redskin fired on him, and luckily the ball from the Indians' gun shot the twig off, and thus Wetzell made good his escape and saved his life. He went on to the German settlement. He had moved from Washington county, Maryland, about 1807, and lived near Clarksburg, on a farm near where Henry Statzman was reared and with whom he was very intimate. He was the first to greet the Marylanders when they came in for settlement in that long-ago day. At first they located on what was later known as the Noting farm, near Brookfield Dairy Farm, and after a couple of years removed to what is now known as the H. A. or "Chip" Shafer place. A few years later, however, they removed to the settlement that bears their name, near the Dunkard Bottoms. A family chart in existence at this time shows the "Schafer-Wetzell Family Genealogy". From this it is learned that the Schafer side runs thus: Tevalt Shafer and wife, Elizabeth (Wetzell) Shafer, had children: Isaac, Peter, Margaret, John, Jacob, Sarah (Fitzhugh), Elizabeth, Michael, Henry.

Tevalt Shafer was a man of much intellectuality and far in ad-
(page 1343) vance of the times in which he lived. He was born February 5, 1790. At an early day he taught school and was one of the first magistrates in Preston county. He was the first captain of the militia company, after the formation of Preston county, and his family were all good reputable citizens, and all of whom are long since deceased. Isaac Shafer, father of Obadiah and H. A. Shafer, died near where he was reared, in 1886. Peter went to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1846, died there in 1873. Margaret, Mrs. Grames, died there in 1883, leaving an intelligant family, as did John and Jacob Shafer, who died in 1893 in Texas. Sarah, Mrs. Fitzhugh, died in 1853. Elizabeth, Mrs. Davis, died in Taylor county about 1891, and there

her descendants now reside. Michael died on the old home farm, near Brookside, in 1906. He left four sons and a daughter. Henry, who was unmarried died in 1859. One singular trait in this family of children was the fact that their father had no musical talent at all, while all of his children were splendied musicians and violinists.

George Whetsell, a soldier of the war of 1812, married Elizabeth Shafer and they had issue: Peter, Mrs. Backlor, Mrs. Welch, Conrad, Michael and Mrs. Taylor.

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JOHN WETZEL was born on Big Wheeling creek, in Ohio county, in 1797. He was a son of Martin and a grandson of John Wetzel. Martin's father was a brother of Lewis Wetzel. They were of German descent on their father's side, and their mother was a French extraction. Her maiden name was Bonnet. The subject of our sketch is the oldest Wetzel now living. He has a family of seven children - five boys and two girls; but three sons living in Marshall county: Lewis, Martin and John. He married Miss Elizabeth Prince, daughter of Captain William Prince, who served as such in the war of 1812. He had two sons out in the late war, Martin and John Wetzel. The latter was the youngest son and was born in 1847. Married Miss Mary Purdy. They have two children - Elbert and Florence C.

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A HISTORY OF PRESTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
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Page 708 - WHETSELL FAMILY

The Whetsells are of German origin, and in the German tongue the name is spelled Wetzel. All German surnames have primarily some distinctive meaning, and the name Wetzel was first applied to a person who whetted or sharpened tools with a cutting edge. Previous to the Revolution, the following Wetzels came to America from the river Rhine: Hans Martin in 1731, Johan Jacob in 1737, Johan Werner in 1738, Jacob in 1746, Hans Georg in 1750, and Johannis in 1754.

It was either the second or third of these who in 1740 settled in what is now Rockingham county in the Valley of Virginia. Thence his son John, born in Switzerland in 1733, migrated about 1767 to Wheeling Creek in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. This Captain John was the father of the famous Lewis Wetzel, and his daughter Christina married Jacob Wolfe, a pioneer of Preston. From one or more brothers of the younger John are evidently derived the Whetsel connection of Rockingham and Pendleton counties.

Another of the immigrant Wetzels is mentioned as living in Frederick county, Maryland, in the middle of the same century, but just which of the six it was we cannot tell, because all but one bore the Name John, or its equivalent. Frederick was then the most western county in Maryland. It is quite safe to assume that the first Whetsell in Preston was either a son or grandson of this early settler in Maryland.

All the six immigrant Wetzels came from the same region, and that (page 709) they were not distantly related is very probable. John Whetsell of Preston married a Troxall, and it is significant that this name occurs during the colonial period where both the Maryland and the Virginia Wetzels located.

John, the forefather of the Whetsells of Preston, came from Hagerstown and purchased of the Butler brothers a portion of their patent amounting to 216 acres. The present farm of Felix E. Jeffers covers the principal portion of the Whetsell farm. It was a choice selection and indicates an exercise of good judgment. The log house of John Whetsell stood near the site of the Jeffers barn. Later, he built a watermill on the stream below. The coming of the family was before the close of the pioneer era in Preston history. It was a time when no citizen was rich, and when toil, and privations were the order of the day. Like many another settler, John Whetsell did not live on Easy Street. The last years of the pioneer and his wife were spent in Maryland with their son Michael. There they lived until a little after the year 1840, being by that time of an advanced age.

The wife of the pioneer was Mary Troxall. Their children were eleven in number, and all but the three youngest appear to have been born prior to the arrival in Preston. George, the oldest, lived a single life. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was wounded in battle at Bladensburg. Elizabeth married Tevolt Shaffer, a son of Adam Shaffer, who came to Brookside in 1793. Conrad married Lydia, a daughter of Enoch Calvert, who lived on the William H. Whetsell farm. He removed to Maryland. Peter, the fourth of the family, was born December 26, 1796, and died February 26, 1875. He married Nancy Moyer of Hagerstowne, remained in the home neighborhood, and was the progenitor of the larger share of those born with the Whetsell name. Sarah, who attained the age of 92 years, married William Taylor, a resident of the settlement, and thus became the ancestor of one of the four Taylor families of the county. John, the sixth child, settled in Indiana. Mary married Jonathan Bucklew, a son of William Bucklew, who came to the Whetsell settlement in 1812. Catherine E., the fourth daughter lived single. Abraham removed to Pennsylvania and married there. Michael married Elizabeth, daughter of John Felton, who became a member of the community in 1817. Margaret married William Weleh and accompanied him to Indiana.

While this leaves but two married sons, Peter and Michael, and two married daughters, Mrs. Sarah Taylor and Mrs. Mary Bucklew, who remained in the vicinity of the family homestead, the offspring (page 710) of the two sons have impressed their name on the community around them and caused it to be universally known as the Whetsell Settlement. It is also true that by intermarriage, the Whetsells are related to nearly all the other families of the neighborhood, which is, by the way, one of the fairest and most attractive portions of all Preston county.

Until a recent date, this inviting corner has been a little idfficult of access from the other towns of the county, and for a long time its postoffice privileges were inadequate. But happily these conditions have of late been greatly improved.

Passing now to the families of Peter and Michael, we find that the former had ten children: John M., who married Catherine Trembly; Isaac C., who married Eleanor Felton; George W., who went away in his youth; Micheal, who never married; Buckner F., whose wives were Charlotte Trembly, Naomi Trembly and Sarah Jeffers; Mary E., who married Henry M. Felton; Samuel A., who married Louisa Trembly; William H., whose wives have been Mary E. Freeland, Melissa E. Bucklew and Martha A. Jeffers; Simon D., who

married Susan Windle; and Sarah C., who married Joseph H. Trembly. The children of Michael were nine. Of these, Mary married Richard Dewitt; John O., married Drusilla Bucklew; Joanna lived single; Samuel H. married Pauline Herndon; Sarah M., married Felix E. Jeffers; George H., is single; D. Isaiah married Elizabeth H. Feltom; Adaline P., married Joseph Fraley, while Isaac J., married Jennie Calvert. It will then be noticed that these nineteen grandchildren of John Whetsell have lived and do live with scarcely an exception within the confines of the Whetsell Settlement. Some of the great-grandchildren of John Whetsell have lived and do live with scarcely an exception within the confines of the Whetsell Settlement. Some of the great-grandchildren have overleaped these limits. The number of these is quite large and as some are as yet too young to render a full account of themselves to the world, we refrain from pursuing further the genealogical record.

It will be observed that the Whetsells, originally a German family, have intermarried with families of English origin, as in the case of the Feltons, Jeffers, Taylors, and Herndons; with Scotch families, as in the case of the Bucklews and Calverts; also with the French Trembleys and Scotch-Irish Freelands. All this but exemplifies what is generally true of Preston county, the Prestonian of the present day being usually a result of the fusion of several different stocks into a new type, that of the genuine American.

Page 711 - ELIAS W. WHETSELL

The subject of this sketch belongs to one of the oldest families in Preston county, for a full history of which see sketch by Oren F. Morton.

Elias W. Whetsell is the grandson of Peter Whetsell, who was the son of John, the pioneer. Isaac C. Whetsell, father of Elias, was born in September, 1830, and died September 29, 1864. He settled on the farm now owned by Elias, which he bought of Jonathan Bucklew in 1856. It was then all woodland, the timber of which would at this present time be worth probably $50,000. Many were the weeks of hard work spent in clearing off this land, but a fine grazing farm has been made of it.

Isaac Whetsell was one of the citizens of Preston county, who was greatly beloved for the many good qualities of mind and heart he possessed. He was a beautiful penman, and his fine penmanship, and his beautiful character made for him a reputation of enviable notoriety. His work in the church brought him renown, he being a member of the M. E. Church. He was a teacher in the day school and in the Sunday School both; and was eminently fitted for the work of imparting instruction to others. He was a teacher of the day school in the county two or three years, and a teacher of a Bible class about ten years. He enlisted two or three time s in the army, and was in the commissary department of Company "O", of the Sixth Virginia, when he died.

Isaac Whetsell married Eleanor Felton, who was a daughter of Henry and Katie (Wotring) Felton, the nuptial feast taking place in January, 1859, on the old Felton farm. His wife, Eleanor, was born May 30, 1840, and died July 2, 1882. The young couple moved into an old round log house standing on the place where all the family were raised.

The children of this union were Elias, born October 10, 1859; Nancy E., January 5, 1861, and Isaac C., who was born February 2, 1865, and never married. Nancy married William Schaeffer, now of Kingwood.

Elias W. Whetsell, late candidate for County Assessor, received his education in the common schools, and subsequently became one of the ablest educators in Preston county. Like his father before him, he possessed natural talents as a teacher and his work of four years in the schoolroom has matured to his credit. His knowledge of land values, and (page 712) his good judgment, which has come through years of hard work and valuable experience, brought him into favorable notice with the voters of the county in his candidacy for the important office he ran for, and was testified to in the excellent poll he got on election day. As a farmer he has become one of the foremost in the county, and now owns valuable tracts consisting of some 642 acres in all.

August 17, 1882, Mr. Whetsell was married to Ida L. Miller, a daughter of E. J. Miller of Terra Alta. (See sketch of the Miller family) She died October 10, 1912. The children born to this union are as follows: Claude E., May 20, 1883; Grover C., August 1, 1884, died November 28, 1912; Elizabeth E., March 18, 1886; Carl S., August 31, 1887, died March 14, 1898; Ray E., March 7, 1889; Pearl, March 5, 1891; died March 13, 1891; Samuel P., February 10, 1892, died April 21, 1895; Grace E., January 2, 1894; Joseph N., November 25, 1899; Vivian P., February 25, 1902; Custer L., February 26, 1904; an infant born and died February 26, 1907.

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He married, June 12, 1900, Mittie Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lantz, of Aurora. The children born of this union are: Seymour Lantz, born May 25, 1903; died April 18, 1904; John Richard, born June 26, 1905; Virginia Elliott, born September 5, 1907.

Page 28 - MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS WITHIN THE OLD METHODIST CEMETERY AND CITY BURIAL PLAT, IN LANCASTER, OHIO. 1927779

The Old Methodist Cemetery was given the city of Lancaster for burial, church and school purposes by Ebenezer Zane in the year 1802. Congress granted him three plats of land - one at Zanesville, one at Lancaster and one at Maysville, Ky. - for his services in "blazine" a road from Wheeling, W. Va., through Ohio, to Maysville, Ky., in 1797.

Page 117 - RECORDS OF THE FRIENDS' MONTHLY MEETING OBLONG AND NINE PARTNERS, NEW YORK.

Quaker,Hill, N. Y. Friends Records with original pagination: P. 228, List of Heads of Families on the Verge of our Monthly Meeting held on the Oblong and the Nine Partners Circularly taken in the 3rd mo., 1760.

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Page 314 - Bible Records - ZANE RECORD
Contributed by Frank H. Stewart.

THE NAMES AND AGES OF ISAAC AND SARAH ZANE'S CHILDREN.

Martha C. Zane was born the 16th of the 4th month, 1784, and died the 4th of the 12th month, 1784.

Mary Zane was born the 12th of the 4th month, 1785

Isaac Zane was born the 28th of the 8th month, 1787

John P. Zane was born the 6th of the 10th month, 1789

William Zane was born the 29th of the 1st month, 1792

Samuel P. Zane was born the 11th of the 10th month, 1794, and died 12th, 7th mo. 1806.

James A. Zane was born the 16th of the 10th month, 1797

George W. Zane was born 13th 7 mo. 1800, died 29th 7 mo. 1800.

Hiram C. Zane was born the 12th of the 11th month, 1801.

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by
Frederic Morton

Page 49 - Winchester as a Frontier Town

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The first enlargement of Winchester was in September, 1758.

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The early lot-owners, so far as their names have been recovered from the faded list in the archives of Virginia, are these, the town-lot number following the name:

Wetsell, Christopher 79

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The Sarah Zane Fire Company appeared in 1840 and was named for Miss Sarah Zane, who presented it with its first handpumping engine. This is still preserved as a relic. The Zane was the first local company to use horses, the Friendship coming next. - Winchester, Virginia.

Page 200 - Bench, Bar and Legislative

FREDERICK LEGISLATORS

BURGESSES - Isaac Zane.....1773-1775

MEMBERS OF COLONIAL CONVENTION OF 1775

Isaac Zane

STATE SENATORS

Until 1800 Frederick was in a district with Berkeley and Hampshire. * * * * In 1851 Frederick was joined with Warren and Clarke.

Page 201 - MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES

James Wood and Isaac Zane... 1776

Isaac Zane and John Smith 1779

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In 1753 the Lutherans purchased two half-acre lots of Fairfax, and the cornerstone of their church was laid June 16, 1764. The following are the names of the founders:

* * * * Wetzel, Christopher * * * *

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WETZEL, JOHN (Captain) Born in Switzerland about 1733. Emigrated to America with his parents at age of seven and settled in Rockingham County, Virginia. Here were born his famous sons: Martin, Lewis, Jacob, George, and John. About 1769, he moved to the West and settled on Wheeling Creek, nearly fourteen miles above its mouth. He removed his family to the Monongahela Valley, perhaps during the Indian outbreak of 1774, while he was acting as a scout for Lord Dunmore.

At the close of the French and Indian War, he returned to his home on Wheeling Creek, and for some time was captain of a ranger company. In 1777, his sons, Lewis and Jacob, were captured by Indians but escaped. Martin was taken in April, 1778, and remained with the Shawnees two years and four months. Captain Wetzel was killed in 1786 or 1787 while trapping on Captina Creek.

WETZEL, LEWIS Born in August, 1763, on the South Branch of the Potomac, the son of Captain John Wetzel. He accompanied his father's family to the Ohio Valley, and in 1777 or 1778, was captured with his younger brother, Jacob, by Wyandot Indians and taken into Ohio. During the night they escaped and made their way back home, crossing the Ohio on bits of driftwood,

In 1782, his brother, George was killed while hunting. The same summer, Lewis saw his companion, Joseph Mills, shot and killed, while he only escaped like fate by his fleetness of foot, and his ability to load his rifle while running. The next year, Lewis was with John Madison when the latter was waylaid and slain by Indians.

From the time of his captivity, Lewis was a bitter enemy of every Indian. Without warning, he killed an Indian near Fort Henry who was imitating a turkey's call. In 1784, he killed an Indian and rescued a captive girl. At the treaty of Fort McIntosh in 1785, Wetzel wounded a peaceful Indian, and after a smiliar deed at Marietta in 1789, was arrested, but no frontier jury would convict him. He continued to hunt Indians at every opportunity and remained a border hero for his daring, and his prowess with the rifle and his rare woodcraft. He visited New Orleans late in life and died in 1808 near Natchez.

ZANE, ANDREW - One of the brothers who were the founders and first settlers of Wheeling. He narrowly escaped capture while out scouting during the Indian raids of 1777. He was badly hurt when he jumped over a 70-foot cliff to escape pursuing Indians, but eventually made his way to safety at Fort Shepherd at what is now Elm Grove, Ohio. County. He was later killed by Indians while on another scouting expedition.

ZANE, EBENEZER (COLONEL) - Born in 1747 and died in 1812. As colonel of Virginia militia paraticipated in the defense of Fort Henry at Wheeling, September 1, 1777, against a large force of Indians and others which was the first serious attempt of the British and their savage allies against the western border settlements after the outbreak of the Revolution. He was in command at Fort Henry, September 11, 1782, when a company of British regulars, under Captain Pratt, and a large body of Indians, laid siege to the fort, He was a member of the Virginia Convention of 1788 which adopted the Constitution of the United States. He made the first settlement at Wheeling in 1769.

ZANE, ISAAC - Born on the South Branch of the Potomac about 1754, the youngest of the brothers who afterwards founded Wheeling. When nine years of age, Isaac was captured by the Indians and grew up among them, marrying into the Wyandot, and living like the red men. He often warned the border settlers of their dangers from Indian raids, and acted as guide and interpreter. About 1795, he bought a tract of 1800 acres in Logan County, Ohio, settled near Zanesfield, and died there in 1816.

ZANE, JONATHAN - Born in 1749 and died in 1824. Was a soldier and guide in General Daniel Broadhead's expedition up the Allegheny River against the Munsie and Seneca Indians in 1779, in which campaign he was wounded. He was a guide in the campaign of Colonel William Crawford to the Upper Sandusky, Ohio, in 1782. Participated in the defense of Fort Henry, Wheeling, both on September 1, 1777, and on September 11, 1782.

ZANE, SILAS (CAPTAIN) - One of the first settlers at Wheeling. He served in the Revolution as a first lieutenant of the Thirteenth of Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, from December 28, 1776, until he was made a captain in February, 1777. He served as captain until Feburary 12, 1778, but was not present in the Ohio River settlements during the Indians attack of 1777 as he was on service in the eastern states.

He returned to the Ohio, however, before the close of the Revolution and was at Fort Henry during the siege of 1782. At the close of the Revolution, he went with George Green to the Indian country with goods for a trader from Maryland. On their return, about 1785, the two traders were waylaid and killed on the Scioto. Silas Zane left an infant son bearing his name.

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ZANE, WILLIAM - Probably the father of the celebrated Zane brothers, first settlers of Wheeling. William was a descendant of Robert Zane, who emigrated to America in 1763 and settled at Newton, New Jersey. It is supposed that the latter's first wife, grandmother of William, was of Indian origin. William was born in 1712.

His ancestors had been Quaker, but William left them, and removed to the South Branch of the Potomac, possibly within Berkeley County, Virginia. His son, Isaac, was captured there, and in the Draper Manuscripts is found a letter in which he mentions his own captivity. This letterwas dated at Fort Henry, Wheeling, where he was living in 1777.

DOTSON, RICHARD

Service - Virginia Va. No. 16219 No. S. 5364

Born, Shenandoah (now Frederick) County, Virginia, October 23, 1752, and lived there twenty years. Resided, Green County, Pennsylvania, 1774, and after the Revolution lived in Shenandoah, Louden, Hampshire, Wood, and Tyler counties, in the latter of which he filed his pension application in 1833. It was issued to him, July 18, 1833.

Dotson was in service from 1774 to 1779 as an Indian spy under Captain Minor in the Virginia militia guarding and protecting the frontiers in Green County, Pennsylvania and Virginia. He had three tours of service of six months each. In one skirmish, one Indian was killed by John Hall, and John Nichols, one of Dotson's comrades, lost his life.

A HISTORY OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
by
John W. Wayland

Page 12 - Table of deaths

1812 - August 11, Zane's executors make deed to John Arthur, Benj. Blackford, and others.

Page 113 - Among the Early Records

August 27, 1776 -
"Dunmore County, The Commonwealth of Virginia, Agreeable to an Ordinance of Convention:

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April 22, 1777
An indenture from Samuel and Joseph Potts to Isaac Zane, Gent., was proved and ordered to be recorded. Isaac Zane sold land to John Crowd.

Page 194 - Following is a list of Revolutionary pensioners who were living in Shenandoah County in 1835. This list was compiled in Washington City in 1907 by Hon. Chas. E. Kemper, and was furnished to the author by that gentleman's kindness. * * * * Thomas Dodson, Penn. Line * * * *

Page 217 - Heads of Families in 1785

If any one had offered a prize for the largest family in 1783 it probably would have gone without question to Jacob Honaker. He is credited with 25 whites (no blacks) in his household. Mounce Bird comes second, with 18 whites and one black. The third place of honor seems to belong to Anthony Wetisell, who counted 16 whites, no blacks. * * * *

Page 223 - Heads of Families in 1785

Witsel, Anthony 11 1 3

Page 225 - List of Richard Branham - Census of Heads of Familes in 1785

Branham's list was probably made in the upper end of the Page Valley, in the district including Marksville, Stanley, Leaksville, Alma, Honeyville, and Newport. (page 226) Dodson, Peter 8

Page 231 - Pugh's list was taken in Woodstock and vicinity, from the river to the North Mountain. 1785

Witsel, George 7 1 1

Page 235 - Iron-making and Iron-masters

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Under date of March 17, 1775, Felix Gilbert, the well known merchant of the Keezletown neighborhood, received from Isaac Zane ih purchase 20 tons and 12 pounds of iron, by W. Crow, as his old day-book shows. This item indicates that Zane was carrying on an extensive iron business at that time. His furnace was on Cedar Creek, seven miles north of Strasburg, and fifty-five miles northeast of Keezletown. The ruins of his old furnace stack, with scattered heaps of ore lying near it, are today mute reminders of an important colonial enterprise. The visitor to Marlboro, if he knows a little local history and has an active imagination, can easily reproduce an animated scene on the rugged banks of the historic stream.

In 1765, as stated by Mr. T. K. Cartmell, Isaac Zane, Jr., of Philadelphia, received a deed for the land where his furnace was shortly thereafter established. By 1775, as we have already seen, his business was extensive. At various places in the neighboring region ore was found and mined. The center of operations was known as Zane's Iron Works. The name of Marlboro was also applied to the place, because of the extensive deposits of marl that are found there. It is located exactly where the Back Road crosses Cedar Creek. Wheatfield and Lebanon Church are not far away. The actual works were just on the Frederick side of the creek, but on account of their prximity to Sheanandoah County, and because Gen. Isaac Zane was during a considerable portion of his life a resident of Shenandoah County, it is deemed proper to speak of Marlboro (page 236) Iron Works in this connection. From 1782 to 1795 Isaac Zane represented Shenandoah County in the Virginia House of Delegates/ Evidently, therefore, he was living in Shenandoah at that time, but the location of his residence has not been ascertained. It is said that Stephen's Fort was erected at Marlboro before the building of the iron works. See Kercheval's History of the Valley, page 100.

General Zane was an extensive landowner in Shenandoah County from 1772 to 1792, and probably longer, as the records at Woodstock show.

Page 246 - The War of 1812

August 11, 1812, at the court of Shenandoah County, deed of bargain and sale between Isaac Zane's executors, of the one part, and John Arthur, John Graham, Benj. Blackford, and Jos. Arthur, of the other part, was proved as to Jacob Rinker and Robt. Mackay by the oaths of Dan Lee, H. S. G. Tucker, and Lewis Wolfe, and ordered to be recorded as to them, and delivered (?) to the court with certificate of acknowledgment as to Sarah Zane "& O ^{K} as to her".

Page 272 - The Long Gray Trail.

* * * * crossing Cedar Creek into Frederick County at Marlboro, the historic site of General Isaac Zane's old iron works.

Page 420 - 421 - St. Jacob's Church

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Under date of February 27, 1925, Miss Sidney Artz, writing from Conicville, said:

"Mr. Abram Dodson has been secretary of St. Jacob's Church for many years. He has the book used by the different secretaries since 1838, when the present church was built - when it was dedicated, at least. On the first leaf of this book I found that the church had been consecrated in 1838 by Rev. John Nicholas Smucker, assisted by a Mr. Stephenborg (the name was not quite plain), Asa Colly, and George Smucker.

"Mr. Dodson tells me that the land on which this church was built was deeded by Lord Fairfax about 1755 to the trustees of the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches; that there was still an older church where this one now stands, built by both denominations".

Page 462 - THE JONES HOMESTEADS

In 1791 Evan Jones was high sheriff of Shenandoah County. In 1785 he had been one of the census enumerators, and he was prominent as a magistrate and otherwise. His home was on the Back Road (Zane's Road?) in the southwest part of the county, one mile from the Fairfax (Rockingham) Line.

Page 661 - A PAGEANT OF THE GOLDEN WEST

ZANE

Isaac Zane, ironmaster,, son of Isaac Zane of Philadelphia, Pa., was representative of Shenandoah in the Virginia house of delegates, 1782-1795, having previously represented Frederick county, Va., in the same body and the Virginia constitutional convention of 1776. He represented Frederick in the Virginia house of burgesses, 1773-1776.

The Zane name was prominent on the frontier, including Ebenezer Zane, founder of Wheeling, W. Va., and Zanesville, Ohio, who married a sister of Major Samuel McColloch, and had a daughter who married Capt. John McIntyre, and a son, Noah, representative of Ohio county and adjoining counties in the Virginia senate, 1812-1816; Isaac Zane, of Zanesville, Ohio; Capt. Silas Zane; and others. Zane Grey, novelist, is a descendant of the Zanes, of Zanesville, Ohio.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHETSELL, born 1863, in Preston, son of Buckner and Charlotte Whetsell, was married in 1890, near Elkins to Bettie, daughter of Jessie W. Goddin. Children, Charles Vernon, Garland Lynn and Dama Charlotta; came to Elkins in 1889 and went into the livery business; was proprietor of the Central Hotel three years. His father settled in Preston; his grandfather, Peter Whetsell, came from Germany and settled in Maryland.

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Michael Peter Franz
PATHER
BORN 6/14/1844
DIED 6/17/1946
MARRIED 11/23/1879
RES. Fairfield, Ia.

Emmanette Franze
BORN
DIED 1883
RESIDENCE

MARRIED
Wm. Henry Faulkner

Ida Dotson
MOTHER
BORN 8/10/1860
DIED 6/17/1940

born Doddridge Co., West Virginia
buried Evergreen cemetery, Fairfield, Ia.

GRANDFATHER
B.
D.
M.
RES.

GRANDMOTHER
B.
D.

Lafeyette Dotson
GRANDFATHER
B. 1/27/1829 S.W. Va.
D. 5/ / 1908 West
M.
RES. Liberty, Iowa
West Liberty, Iowa
and Doddridge Co., W.Va.

Margaret Jane Menear
GRANDMOTHER
B. 1837 West Virginia
D. 3/17/1919 West
Liberty, Iowa

Asa Menear
B.
D.
M.
RES. abt. 1868 West
Liberty, Ia.
West Virginia, and
Kansas
Elizabeth Jane [illegible]

Wetzel
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